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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, UR

SUBJECT: PODGORNYY THE NON PERSON

REF: MOSCOW 7653

1. IN THE WEEK SINCE PDOGORNYY'S REMOVAL FROM THE
POLITBURO WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE CC CPSU MEETING,
HE HAS COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW. PDOGORNYY'S LAST
APPEARANCE IN PRINT OCCURS IN PRAVDA MAY 25 WHERE HE IS
LISTED IN BOTH THE SOVIET-FINNISH COMMUNIQUE (AT THE END
OF THE KEKKONEN VISIT) AND IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWING
THE CC PLENUM (IN WHICH HIS REMOVAL IS ANNOUNCED).

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SINCE THEN, HE HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED BY NAME. HIS
POSITION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME SOVIET (SS)
PRESIDIUM, HAS ALSO NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE MEDIA.
IN THOSE CASES IN WHICH MENTION OF AN SS PRESIDIUM
REPRESENTATIVE IS MANDATORY, ONE OR MORE OF THE DEPUTY
CHAIRMEN HAVE BEEN MENTIONED.

2. IT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO BUY PICTURES OF PODGORNYY.
WE ARE TOLD THAT THE DOM KNIGI STOPPED SELLING PODGORNYY
PORTRAITS ON MAY 24 AND THAT HIS PROTRAITS WHICH HAD BEEN
DISPLAYED AT THE MANEZH IN AN EXHIBIT ENTITLED "60 YEARS
OF THE SOVIET PORTRAIT" HAVE BEEN TAKEN DOWN. WE ALSO
HEAR THAT A BOOK OF PODGORNYY SPEECHES AND ARTICLES IS
NO LONGER ON SALE.

3. WE NOTE THAT ZHIVKOV, REPLYING TO BREZHNEV'S SPEECH
AWARDING HIM THE ORDER OF LENIN, CALLED BREZHNEV "LEADER
OF THE CPSU AND SOVIET STATE". THIS IS THE SECOND TIME
ZHIVKOV HAS USED THIS FORMULATION.
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